

# Legislation, an enabler for MaaS: Finnish Transport Code

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# The Finnish Transport Code: What is it about?

- New legislation on road transport
  - Projected entry into force in 2018
- Availability of digital, open and interoperable data on the transport market
- Providing new and better services for the customer → from self-service to genuine service
- Offering new business opportunities for companies
- Lightening the licensing system
  - Easier market entry
- Savings
  - For society, customers and companies

# Objective: turning Finland into a transport sector pioneer

## The Transport Code contributes to Government Programme implementation

- *Building a **digital business environment***
- ***More streamlined** regulation*
- ***Savings** in publicly funded passenger transport services*
- *Reinforcing **competitiveness***
- *Better preconditions for business and **enterprising***
- *From self-service to genuine **service** in transport*
- *Increasing the market share of **public transport***
- *More **jobs***
- ***The environment; emission targets***



# The Transport Code



## SERVICES

MaaS operators,  
apps, platforms etc.



Better and  
more agile  
services

## DATA

Enabling digital services:  
APIs, open data, MyData

Data  
utilisation  
and regulation

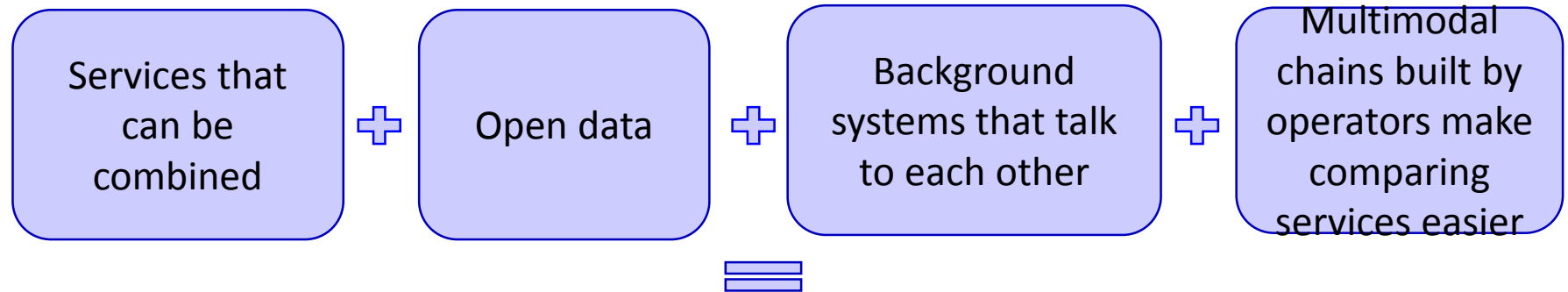


Deregulation and  
market access

Transport and and communication networks



# The Transport Code will enable MaaS



## MaaS (mobility as a service)

- The Transport Code meets the first two requirements:
  - Flexible combination of different transport modes and their development into a safe, inexpensive and easy system that serves the citizens
  - Opens the doors for developing transport services of a new type  
Attracts investments that will create new jobs
  - Boundaries between transport modes will disappear, smoother multimodal travel chains
  - Door-to-door transport as an all-inclusive service

# Drafting of the Transport Code





# Key contents of the Government proposal for Transport Code



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# Taxi services

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- To provide a taxi service, a taxi licence, passenger transport licence or goods transport licence is required; the licence is granted to a company; each driver also needs a taxi driving licence.
- **Small-scale activities (sharing economy) removed from the Code after the consultation round**
  - Activities earning an income of less than EUR 10,000/year will also be subject to licensing
- **Quotas will be dropped, and the authority will only confirm the maximum price *if* this is necessary (=prices become unreasonable)**
- **Conditions for being issued a taxi licence:**
  - Good repute (e.g. not sentenced for financial crimes)
  - Solvency (e.g. no neglected tax or insurance premium payments)
  - A factual and permanent office in Finland (e.g. a Finnish business ID)
    - > A licence can be issued to all companies and individuals meeting the criteria
- **Operative requirements:**
  - Before the journey starts, an estimate of the total price must be given. The authority also has the right to issue orders concerning the maximum price if prices become unreasonably high.
  - Duty to provide information: operating area (zone of operation), hours of service (on-call hours), accessible services, methods of payment, instructions for giving customer feedback, procedures in case of errors.



# Taxi services

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- **Requirements for taxi drivers:**
  - Adequate communication and language skills
  - Ability to assist people with disabilities
  - Driver's licence obtained at least one year earlier
  - No criminal background
  - The employer ensures that the taxi driver meets the requirements
- **Vehicle:** Obligation to register the vehicle with the Finnish Vehicular and Driver Data Register



# Taxi drivers' competence: a licence

- Licences to drive a taxi will continue to be granted by the authorities (Trafí). Criteria:
  - Driving licence requirements, and
  - Criminal background check
- In addition to a category B right to drive, health requirements applicable to category C driving licences
- The license is valid for 5 years
  - The rationale notes that the date of taxi driving licence renewal will be coordinated to coincide with the date for renewing the driving licence (cheaper and easier for the applicant).



# Promoting digitalisation in transport

- Service providers must provide each other access to **essential information** in a computer-readable format
  - incl. routes, timetables, stops, prices and accessibility information
- The interface of **ticket and payment systems** to be opened for other service providers
  - Passengers must be able to purchase a ticket entitling to a single trip for the entire multimodal travel chain
- In **public procurements**, interoperability of ticket and payment systems with other similar systems must be required



# Thank you!

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